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Confirmation No.	1505
First Named Inventor	GATANAGA, TETSUYA
Application Number	09/752,639
Filing Date	December 29, 2000
Group Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	MURPHY, JOSEPH F.
Title:	"SCREENING FOR DRUGS THAT AFFECT TNF RELEASING ENZYME"

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before December 24, 2003. In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.